

# ARCTIC COUNCIL ARCTIC MARINE STRATEGIC PLAN (AMSP)

3RD IMPLEMENTATION  
STATUS REPORT  
(2019-2021)

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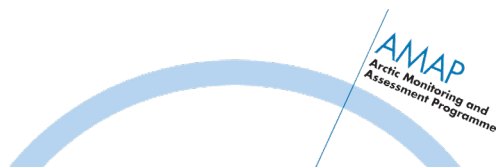
Protection of the Arctic Marine Environment

## AMSP TRACKING PROCESS

The 3<sup>rd</sup> AMSP Implementation Report was developed in close cooperation with the Arctic Council Working Groups.

This represents the 3<sup>rd</sup> AMSP implementation reporting (2019-2021) on the status of the forty AMSP strategic actions and is organized in accordance with the AMSP Implementation Plan in two-year implementation periods, corresponding to the rotation of the chairmanship of the Arctic Council.

The aim of this reporting is to track progress on the AMSP's forty Strategic Actions among the Arctic Council Working Groups (AC WGs).



## ABOUT THE ARCTIC MARINE STRATEGIC PLAN

The Arctic Council's vision for the Arctic Marine Environment is:

*Healthy, productive, and resilient Arctic marine ecosystems that support human well-being and sustainable development for current and future generations*

The Arctic Council's Arctic Marine Strategic Plan 2015-2025 (AMSP) was approved in April 2015 at the 9th ministerial meeting in Iqaluit, Canada. It provides a framework to guide its actions to protect Arctic marine and coastal ecosystems and to promote sustainable development. This Strategic Plan addresses both short term and long-term challenges and opportunities, through forty Strategic Actions comprised under the following four Strategic Goals:

11  
Strategic  
Actions

GOAL 1

Improve knowledge of the Arctic marine environment, and continue to monitor and assess current and future impacts on Arctic marine ecosystems.

10  
Strategic  
Actions

GOAL 2

Conserve and protect ecosystem function and marine biodiversity to enhance resilience and the provision of ecosystem services.

13  
Strategic  
Actions

GOAL 3

Promote safe and sustainable use of the marine environment, taking into account cumulative environmental impacts.






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Strategic  
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GOAL 4

Enhance the economic, social and cultural well-being of Arctic inhabitants, including Arctic indigenous peoples and strengthen their capacity to adapt to changes in the Arctic marine environment.

## AMSP IMPLEMENTATION SUMMARY

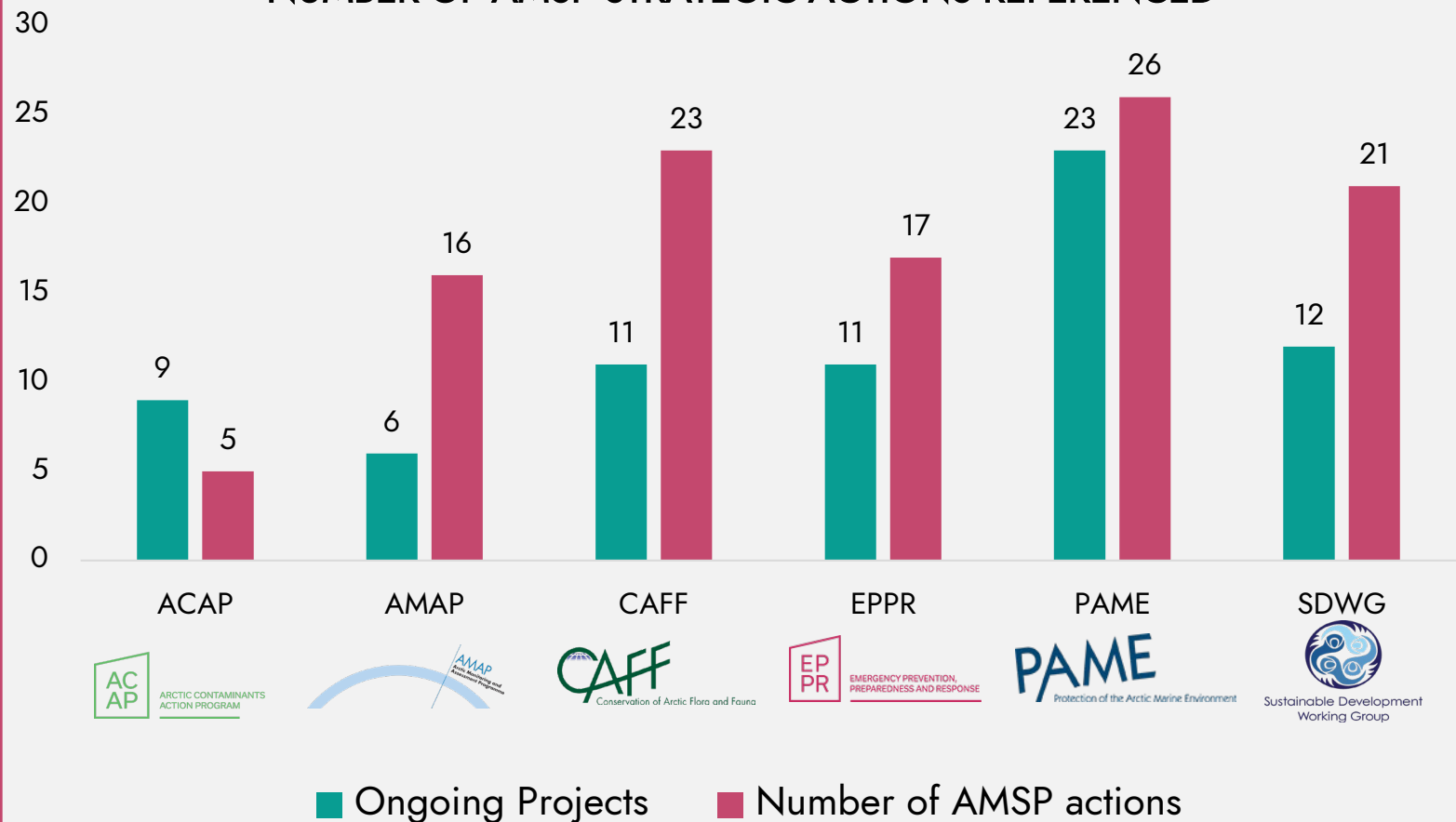
A matrix has been created to track progress of the Arctic Council activities in implementing the AMSP strategic actions. The Matrix is in the form of an excel tracking tool which is a living document where each AC WG has provided status on the implementation of the AMSP Strategic Actions as relevant to their respective work plan activities for the 2019-2021 biennium. Each WG has provided names and basic information on activities and provided a status on each based on the key (see image).

Status	Definition
	<b>Complete</b>
	<i>Ongoing</i>
	<i>Scheduled</i>
	<i>Delayed</i>
	<i>Not Started</i>

The matrix tracking tool can be accessed [here](#).

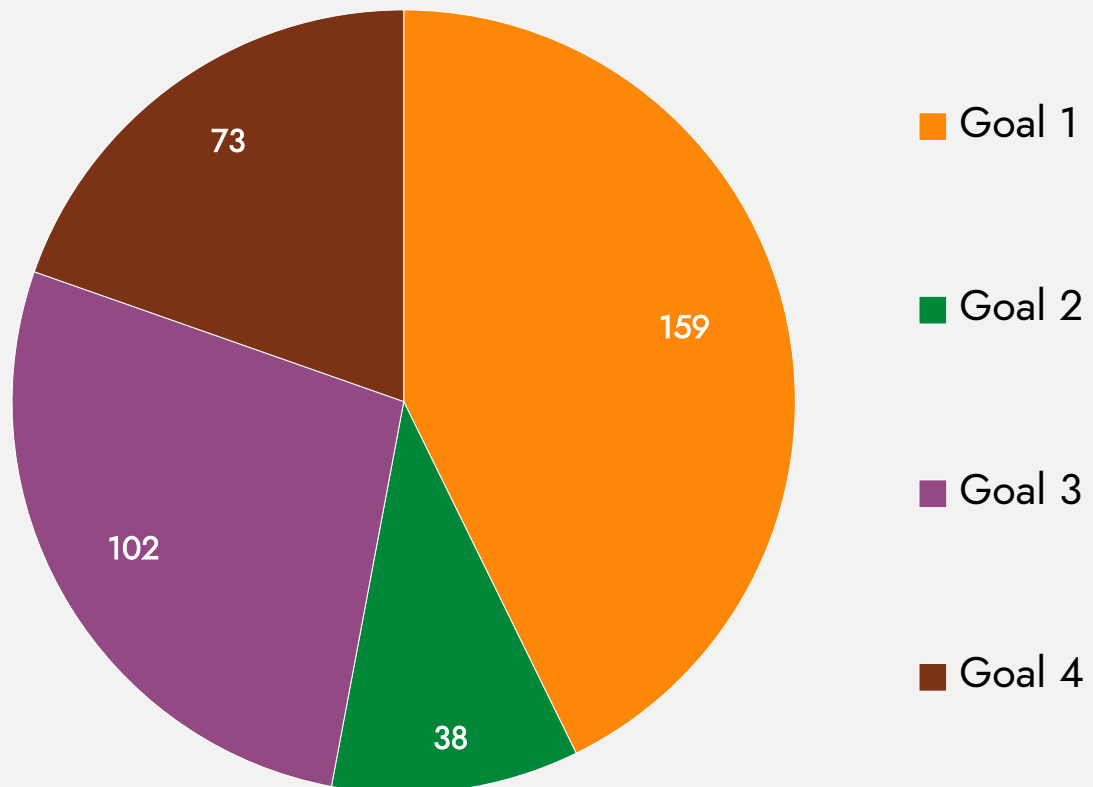
The image below illustrated the number of activities by each AC WG with total of 72 activities contributing to the implementation of the AMSP Strategic Actions.

### ARCTIC COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS ACTIVITIES (2019-2021) AND NUMBER OF AMSP STRATEGIC ACTIONS REFERENCED



Each AC WGs activity can cover more than one Strategic Action and the following illustration summarizes the total number of Strategic Actions recorded for each AMSP goal by the AC WGs.

### TOTAL NUMBER OF STRATEGIC ACTIONS REFERENCED PER AMSP GOAL



The AMSP Strategic Actions are referenced  
372 times within 72 AC WGs activities

## GOAL 1

Improve knowledge of the Arctic marine environment, and continue to monitor and assess current and future impacts on Arctic marine ecosystems.

### MOST COMMON STRATEGIC ACTION LISTED: 7.1.1:

*"Strengthen scientific cooperation and joint monitoring among the Arctic states, and with other states, organizations and stakeholders involved in Arctic research or traditional and local knowledge, with a focus on prioritizing research issues, filling knowledge gaps, and developing mechanisms to share and exchange observational data."*

Referenced 32 times.

## GOAL 3

Promote safe and sustainable use of the marine environment, taking into account cumulative environmental impacts.

### ONE STRATEGIC ACTION WAS NEVER LISTED: 7.3.9:

*"Strengthen the development of a common Arctic protocol for ecotoxicological assessment and screening of chemicals used in resource extraction activities in the Arctic."*

Referenced 0 times.

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